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☐ An associate power of attorney ☐ is enclosed ☐ will follow.
☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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☐ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
☐ Application data sheet is enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.76.
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A	TOTAL CLAIMS FE E	20	-20	0	LG=$18 SM=$9	$18	$ 0	
B	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE*	3	-3	0	LG=$86 SM=$43	$86	$ 0	
C	SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)							0
D	MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE				LARGE ENTITY FEE = $290 SMALL ENTITY FEE = $145			$ 0
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